

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-39 are pending in this application. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 21 and 29 will be canceled, and claims 22 – 25, 28 and 30 – 36 will be amended, without prejudice or disclaimer to advance the prosecution of this application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the coverage of such canceled and amended claims in a continuation application.

The Examiner is thanked for indicating that claims 1-20, 38 and 39 have been allowed.

The Examiner is also thanked for indicating that objected-to claim 30 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 30 has now been amended to include all of the limitations of claims base claim 21 and intervening claim 29 from which claim 30 depends, either directly or indirectly. In view of such amendment to claim 30 and the amendment of rejected claims 22 – 25, 28 and 31 – 36 to depend from amended claim 30, the Examiner's objection to claim 30 should now be withdrawn. As such, amended independent claim 30 and dependent claims 22 – 28 and 31 – 37, which now depend, either directly or indirectly from claim 30, should now be in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, it is now believed that all of the claims remaining in this application, *i.e.*, claims 1-20, 22 – 28 and 30 – 39, are now in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly requested.

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If there are any issues remaining in this application, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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